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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT RELATING TO THE CHINA INCIDENT

(VOL. 2)

December 1937

Announcement by Foreign Ministry on invitation to Attend the Nine Power Treaty Meeting

BILGIAN PMBASSY

His Excellency, the Belgian Ambassador, Baron de Bassompierre, paid an official call on Mr. Hoki Hirota, Minister for Foreign Affairs, on October 21st, at 10:30 A.M. and handed him the following Note Verbale.

NOTE VERBALE

In compliance with the request of the Government of Great Britain, made with the approbation of the Government of the United States of America, the Royal Government propose to the Signatory States of the Treaty of February 6, 1922, to convene at Brussels on the 30th of this month, with the view of examining in accordance with Article 7 of that Treaty, the situation in the Far East and of studying the emicable means of hastening the end of the unfortunate conflict existing there.

Tokyo, October 20th, 1937

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Witness: /s/ Richard H. Lersh

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校華二九国係仍會議察加招請三國人以外務省発表(十月三十一日)

日上書日子子交也!。大使八衛田外務大臣子本部、上本国政府、別令三巻午左記院和十三年十月三十十日子前十時半在京日年美国ハッソンピエルン

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夜族入の手段子政記えい為本月三十日八ランセル三人皆合センコトアの手段之城一行心心事際十八分等一於結子促進入へ下友好及圖三村之同條約水七條一差于東亞二於七七分應了檢討了衛門之後一次七五國政府八十九百三十二年一月六日一九国條約署五米州加合家国政府一同為了以下為七分北京國政府一年

午九百三十七年十月二十日東京一於了

回 原 稔 錄 都 第八五三號「ワシントン」文章局 第 號

平九百四十大年/昭和二十一年/六月二十三日

這 人 居 戶 景 珍 右 / 弯 / 公的資格 外 符 公 文 整 配 長 官 監 官 反 号 名 翻 算 京 三 於 子 母 母 公立人手」度という明

明己能署名官吏了川入手之月心无一九十八十八百十八百五道之之間為了文書八个か公務工口本本本府上福官與可令部三開係了心不一九十八十八十八五十九三十五五

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Reply of Japanese Government Notifying British Government its Non-Attendance at Nine-Power Treaty(s) Meeting 27 October 1937.

The Japanese Government have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Note Verbale under the date of the 20th instant, by which the Royal Government, in accordance with the request of the Government of Great Britain, and with the approbation of the Government of the United States of America, propose to the Powers signatory to the Treaty of February 6, 1922, to neet at Brussels on the 30th of this menth in order to examine, in conformity with the Article VII of the said treaty, the situation in the Far East and to study amicable means of hastening the end of the regrettable conflict which is taking place there.

The League of Nations, in the report adopted on the 6th of the month, has declared on the basis of the declaration of only one of the two parties that the military operations carried on by Japan in China are in violation of the Nine Power Treaty. The action of Japan in China is a measure of self-defence which she has been compelled to take in the face of China's violent anti-Japanese policy and practice, especially by her provocative acts appealing to force of arms; and consequently, it lies, as has been declared already by the Imperial Government, cutside the purview of the Nine Power Treaty.

The Assembly of the League of Nations has even gone the length of assuring China of its moral support and of recommending to its members to abstain from any action that might weaken that country's power of resistance and add to its difficulties in the present conflict, and also to study how they might individually give aid to China. This to take no account of the just intention of the Imperial Government, who propose to bring about a sincere co-operation between Japan and China, to assure enduring peace in East Asia, and to contribute thereby to the peace of the world. This is to take sides with one of the parties and to encourage its hostile disposition, but in no way to contribute to an early settlement.

The Royal Government make in their invitation no mention of the connection between the proposed Conference and the League of Nations. However, in view of the fact that in its Resolution, the League of Nations has suggested a meeting of these of its members who are party to the Nine

Power Treaty, and that the Government of the United States, who have acquiesced in the request of the Government of Great Britain for the convocation of the conference, have declared on October 6 their approval of the Resolution, the Imperial Government cannot but conclude that the convocation of the conference is linked to the Resolution of the League of Nations. Now the League of Nations, as mentioned above, has expressed its views casting reflection upon the honour of Japan, and it has adopted a resolution which is incontestably unfriendly towards her.

In these circumstances, the Imperial Government are constrained to believe that frank and full discussion to bring about a just, equitable and realistic solution of the conflict between Japan and China, cannot be expected between the Powers concerned at the proposed conference.

Moreover, the present Sino-Japanese conflict arising from the special situation of East Asia has a vital bearing upon the very existence of the two countries. The Imperial Government are firmly convinced that an attempt to seek a solution at a gathering of so many Powers whose interests in East Asia are of varying degrees, or who have practically no interests there at all, will only serve to complicate the situation still further and to put serious obstacles in the path of a just and proper solution.

For those reasons explained above, the Imperial Government regret their inability to accept the invitation of the Royal Government.

The present conflict has been caused by none other than the Chinese Government who for these many years have been engaged as a matter of national policy in disseminating anti-Japanese sentiment and encouraging anti-Japanese movements in China, and who, in collusion with the Communist elements, have menaced the peace of East Asia by their virulent agitations against Japan. Consequently, what is most urgently needed for a solution of the conflict is a realization on the part of the Chinese Government of the common responsibility of Japan and China respecting the stability of East Asia, a revision of their attitude, and a change of their policy to that of co-operation between the two countries. What Japan asks of the Powers is that they comprehend fully this need. Their cooperation based upon such comprehension can alone, she believes, contribute effectively toward the stabilization of East Asia.

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那目於于報りひって「京都了以下九国條約」五英及えた元額国書が于幸分国一方、味近、依據ひ现三帝國內支國院解盟總會、本月大日日支命委三周以保釋せるしかに三十日門白國政府、福請引正三受領セリ。後本月三十日「八司也に」一會合也ンコトラ操議セラとりし本自己達職下給等一級統司便進入(午如師平級了我完入?」終と十九百二十二年一月大日、九国條約署名圖三村公同條本國政府、先国政府「四為了以下為七八人是國政府一至請有國政府、先回政府「同意了以下為十八人以東國政府一至請

一部成了了一个头格图一大多一大多人不多。其外

一個端十七排目就見成果一般行祥一笑力了以下又心视察行動

1後り終業ナクセランタル日衛福置ニシア九回保めを問

確之吏、飲村卷衛入該吹入にそこぞ天京年本件份事了とした帝国人的明七卷圖入無視之物省各面面一方三郎網三依り東西、平和司官與入此村底人入午了上月虧損入少分り、右八明一日支兩国」員数年十七场面等人一部一節一於七 日 衛門一員 衛門一日長郎 一日東門 一日東門 一日東門 一日東門 一日東門 一日東川 一時大心之に 放果了有人心力 所等一一於七十八月 東明回過你們人 是明 一年一次議会了文印一新八部八月一年一次議会不了文印上計一样一次議会了一支印上計一样和例文外分化了十八已二卷一回政府 夢中明心所十十一

髂关于足虚之心所以三非人。 白国政府一個語一个今次人會議一解問一所展二付何等 THOOK スルサナキモ解明日本前記及張生之於テ九国体的者で 國只你開進了一个日縣了不成义居了人其人可以行一个大官議 相差一事謂三同意也以未回政府八十月六日所聞人次議了支持 の又にこの下部年明ンないたの気、緩、一を改在八个文金の様力 解りは漢三関解ンテ福集でうしないをしませたうは、 南子一解照《前原林进一部八百里一名聚言原人中断定 月下之及在一國二科及此非成館的民族、原籍中也以为人及下少三 題三今次兩催也子化八千會議二於八到後問原國有一左合 一三年直衛在京本本文法子行日日及前一百年人司官人司官 公正学者とは確決る着ラフロト于朝待と難びと認くせいう得べ 加之今次一日支的美人東亞一緒游司終之港回之且日支麻風 一生傷三重大関係,手有又心无一十几月以子原 聖日於十七利里 ノ経度相異り甚らそいは上到空間係于有な十八到テモ 合いか数到一个様、体しての解決了国に切するだっ 物部センメシノル正当ナル状格っ大ナル支障す及不又へそい 梅国政府一篇和以子年十一 以上一觀色了一分下衛國政府八日國政府一招籍了多樣

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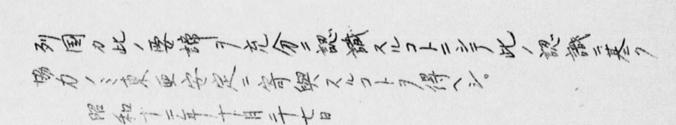
教力上勾指一样日花日一風解了激化之下東重一年九月十月

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明る。記署名を東ラリ入手をりとして、より一方益一種記題名、大書八个かは務工、日本本府上福官與可令部一開係了ツモノトルュー、如豆食、如多日白、如豆白、白、竹田、明原了ツモノトルラト、加豆食、如豆白、

年代百四十八年 昭和二十一年入月二十五日 张本子·《新文明》 图除核学和调查管 在有义的事故 图除核学和调查管 注入 Pichard K Zarsh

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THE BRITISH NOTE DELIVERED BY SIR ROBERT CRAIGIE
TO THE FORFIGN MINISTER ON DECEMBER 16, 1937
concerning attacks made on British warships and
Your Excellency, muchant shipping at Wuhu and Manking

I have the honour on instructions from His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdon to address your Excellency on the subject of attacks made by Japanese aircraft and land forces on British warships and merchant shipping at Wuhu and near Nanking on 12th December. These incidents clearly raise grave issues.

- 2. At Wuhu a British tug which had conveyed from Nanking His Majesty's Consul, the British Military Attache and the Flag-Captain to the British Rear-Admiral, Yangtze, was attacked by Japanese machine-gun fire after transferring these officers to H. M. S. Ledybird. The latter proceeded to join the tug in order to protect her, when she observed a Japanese field gun battery firing on merchant ships concentrated above the Asiatic Petroleum Company's installation. Firing continued and was directed at H. M. S. Ledybird herself.
- 3. There were four direct hits on this vessel, one naval rating was killed, another was seriously wounded and there were several minor casualties including Flag-Captain. A direct hit was also seen to be sustained by the British merchant ship Suiwo. H. M. S. Bee then arrived on the scene and was also fired on by the shore battery. The Commander of H. M. S. Bee landed to protest and was informed by Colonel Hashimoto, the senior Japanese military officer then at Wuhu, that firing on warships was due to a mistake but that he had orders to fire on every ship on the river. At a later interview the same officer stated categorically that if any ships moved on the river they would be fired on and, despite protests, H.M.S. Bee and Ladybird after berthing remained covered by guns at point blank range.
- 4. Near Hsia San-shan above Nanking where British merchant ships were concentrated in a part of the river previously designated by the Japanese Commander-in-Chief as a safety-zone, three separate bombing attacks were made by Japanese aircraft on them and on H. M. Ships Cricket and Scarab which were with them.
- 5. His Majesty's Government have now been glad to receive your Excellency's note of the 14th December offering the profound apology of the Imperial Japanese Government for the attacks on His Majesty's Ships, stating that measures were immediately taken to prevent the recurrence of such

incidents and adding that they will deal suitably with those responsible and pay the necessary compensation.

- 6. His Majesty's Government observe that Your Excellency's note makes no mention of the attacks on British merchant vessels and I am instructed to request that an assurance may be given that all that is said in that note applies equally to these attacks.
- 7. His Majesty's Government take particular note of the statement that those responsible will be suitably dealt with. Adequate punishment of those responsible for the particular attacks under discussion seems indeed to His Majesty's Government to be the only method by which further outrages can be prevented.
- 8. His Majesty's Government cannot but recall the previous incidents in which the Japanece Government have expressed regret for attacks made on British nationals and property and have given assurance that adequate steps had been taken to prevent any repetition. They call to mind the attack made on His Majesty's Ambassador to China while travelling by road from Nanking to Shanghai, the subsequent attack on motorcars conveying British officials on a similar journey, the attacks on British civilians and military posts on the defense perimeter at Shanghai, as well as other incidents, and the repeated assurances of the Japanese Government of their intention fully to respect the interests of third Powers in the present conflict with China. It is clear that the steps hitherto taken by the Japanese Government to prevent such attacks have so far failed in this purpose and His Majesty's Government must now ask to be informed that measures have actually been taken of a character which will put a definite stop to the incidents of which they complain.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Signed: R. L. Craigie

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三九、蕪明及南京"於广英国耀船攻数量三南之十二月 丁育附廣田外梯大臣 完英国人使公文(十二月三十日)

一本使、本国政府、都令"老年南下"村子一月十二日茶明及南 京附上一於下日本軍航空機及除上部隊力英国軍艦及商船 予大部子からかは、南はは、中道は一老等子有人以等る件 の事大ナル問題り提起えいモーナル、明白ナリー。

二葉胡一松子南京了日英国領京英国陪軍城官及英国楊子 江派達力将所有媒長于班數少年七八英國吳船八右格東者力 英国軍機己干八八十八二年一部一个人人及日本倒被国家人 肝野きるダアクリートンディバードノハ養衛し着 右京船三者かかい 力其際更知里石但会社施設知了上流一集結中一高能三对了 日本軍事的軍事一計解するないとりとは大きりとれた本部を へうまれてしたていしい」はアランター、

三同盤三罪九里各的少水共一名死七地一名重常了夏、 と本旗長り始く数なり軽信者者と出りころり尚英国高 報給教司三七郎九一张合中也了看取力力不美国 軍艦でし、現場、司着せん吹之亦作者的理了り記歌手 ヤランタリノリー、輝く長へ抗議り為ス為上陸せい处差所 三於とに日本度軍生化将技術本大佐、軍艦三村人に記 夢し、過一巻キタルモノナルモ江上三於ケル一切、船舶三村が射 朝る人を向人うう女子居しに旨運べるり東京見一祭 同将核へ何し人船舶を江上了移動とりに場合へ砲車しとうし

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後直射距離三下野砲り向ケラと居りタルモノナルの入すらりがきかってり、及びデイバード」、抗議といっそ物ラス投館

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政府、依幸していれてり、万人大き日明記をして入る日明記といい、英国ラナスへきら明記セルナニ月十四日門書朝了受領シタル、英国書任者一村ンテ八道生しし处置う都に入入父母ナル降傷不少以婚る仲母を防止り為直」指置アリクル旨了述入更二支美国軍艦一村入人攻勢了一件日本政府の保置され東南了提

引令越シタリ、これでき目体通用とえへきらり保障了不に得る此本使ら対と貴翰御甲越少次第八總子此等商格三村大英国政府へ黄翰中英国商格三村ス以及整二付言及無干

京唯一十万次十り上思料と。 書任者う充分处罰スルラトコン今後人此婚異你了了防止好三重視スルモーナリ英国政府、本件個の攻擊了合件一下、英国政府、幸保國政府、幸保國及所、李伊國以外、其国政府、書任者、過当一处置也了し入シト、御中放了

於于英国非戰闘員及守衛軍陣地,加へうしりに次數予及搭載とに目動車-三対之加へうしりに攻擊人上必問还防衛之城一後下夕に攻擊人 支後同様,松行,途上,於了英国官吏?英国政府、其戰支大使力陸既南京月り上海,同了途上,於了り己旨保障中也了し夕に諸方,件門規定やけり見使った,是是於之力再在防止,為在分十心处置了報人、英国政府小裏、日本政府力英国臣民及財産一對人及數手人、被國政府小裏、日本政府力英国臣民及財產一對人以數

と目り直報了要請セナルラ得サル水第ナリの結る作う確実」防止スルカの中性関し措置の現実三執うしり、 諸司的了運也サリシュト明白ニシテ英国政府、其不満トスルスを配すけ上、為日本政府の徒末執うしるに指置へ今这一所入に悉間ナルに同く日本政府思次、保障了想死スピテナリ以権生化、分件は三現下、日支給等中外三国一利金了在公室直

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(引え)(記えな) (引用、実)(他公式都伝文(信)及々)設定記/虚智符在/公式台及と使う一部チルコトラ間関ス。 (空シアラス部を認及ルコト、位三右ガ下配名に)と容及ハ部局ノ公式和信人公式和信人公式和公人工程,可保信二任以信の11年以信の11年以前に11年以信に11年以信の11年以信に11年以前11時間ス。

千九百匹十六年/昭和二十一年/元月二十三日

臣 人 居 戶 長 發 右子等/公的資格 外部省文智原县 當該官吏号名詞 茶 印

1 公人人生日本人大学 神空機可令中一解係しとしては、一八五三十五日本事をある。 Catal での即今回最高指 影響的大量に介めは務工口个本府上 明人 干九百四十二年一班和二十一年一九月二十五日 東京一於下署名 John a Curtis 到有多致其 國際教學計劃會等 & Richard N Larsh